

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Red Snapper Commercial Size Limit (LAC 76:VII.335)

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, upon authority granted by resolution dated February 8, 1996 by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority of R.S. 56:326.1, hereby finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists and accordingly adopts the following emergency rule. This emergency rule shall be effective at 12:01 a.m., June 18, 1996, and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act or until adoption of the final rule, whichever occurs first.

The secretary has been notified by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council that on February 15, 1996, the council reviewed a request to lower the commercial red snapper minimum size, and has failed to find that emergency action to lower the present commercial minimum size limit was warranted. Therefore, the commercial minimum size limit will remain 15 inches total length in federal waters. The present action by the secretary shall provide consistent regulations within both federal and state jurisdictions. Action was not taken prior to this time by the department or commission due to the uncertainty surrounding the potential for changes in the commercial size limit in federal waters.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§335. Daily Take, Possession and Size Limits Set by Commission, Reef Fish

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| G. | Species | Minimum Size Limits |
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| 1. | Red Snapper | 15 inches total length (commercial) |
| | | 15 inches total length (recreational) |

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(25)(a), 56:326.1 and 326.3.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 16:539 (June 1990), amended LR 19:1442 (November 1993), LR 20:797 (July 1994), LR 21:1267 (November 1995); LR 22:

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